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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following:

A copy of a Partial European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on March 4, 2004 with regard to counterpart European Patent Application No. EP 01 31 0942.6 is enclosed, in which the European Examiner cited the following documents:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 704 925, which was published on April 3, 1996. Applicant notes that U.S. Patent 5,990,732 to FURUTANI et al., which issued on

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November 23, 1999 and 5,783,976 to FURUTANI et al., which issued on July 21, 1998 are family member patents;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-162801, which was published on June 21, 1996, together with Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 1996, no. 10 (October 31, 1996);

European Patent Application No. EP 0 910 163, which was published on April 21, 1999. Applicant notes that U.S. Patent 6,034,571 to UNO, which issued on March 7, 2000 is a family member patent;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-103229, which was published on April 13, 1999, along with Patent Abstracts of Japan, vol. 1999, no.09 (July 30, 1999);

U.S. Patent No. 5,336,855 to KAHLERT et al., which issued on August 9, 1994; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,169 to DOCKERTY et al., which issued on August 18, 1998.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the Partial European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

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listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicant or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

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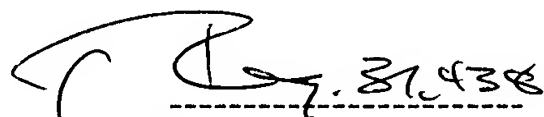
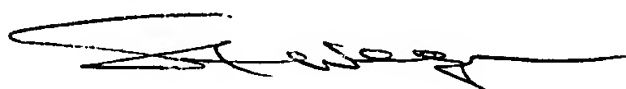
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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1	English Language Abstract of JP 8-162801.
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